



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** San Diego Truck Trail Road Maintenance

**PROJECT LOCATION** Four locations Within Diego County

**COUNTY** San Diego

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves recurring maintenance and repair of four truck trails, Foster, Daley, Wisecarver and Honey Springs, all located within San Diego County, CAL FIRE operational Unit. These truck trails serve as ingress and egress routes for, and will aid in, fire suppression and emergency response activities. The project is part of the San Diego Unit's historic and ongoing annual maintenance of critical fire defense infrastructure. This project will encompass typical tasks associated with road maintenance consisting of grading, filling of eroded ruts, repair of existing water drainage facilities, cleanout of existing culvert systems, removal of obstructions within the road such as rocks and fallen trees, removal of dead trees adjacent to roadway that are likely to fall onto roadway, removal of vegetation encroaching onto roadway as necessary to facilitate maintenance work.

All of these activities will remain within the prism of the existing road. This environmental review shall be reassessed during the winter of 2015 to ensure environmental conditions remained unchanged and the exemption remains valid.

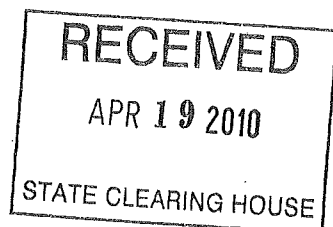
### EXEMPTION STATUS

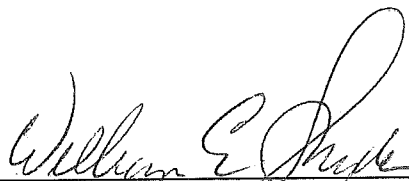
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4 15301 (c) Existing Facilities  
15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the descriptions of two Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. These are Class 1 pertaining to maintenance and repairs to existing public structures and facilities, and Class 4 pertaining to minor alterations to land. After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, CNDDB search, consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game on 01/21/10, and archaeological survey and report completed by a CAL FIRE Archaeologist 02/10/10. All work to be performed under this exemption is recurring maintenance to existing fire defense facilities. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems following approval and implementation of this project. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 4/14/10  
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